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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response in reply to the Office Action dated June 25, 2004 requiring an election of species. This response is timely because it is being filed within the time period set for a response.

According to the Office Action, the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Radial Disc 1 (integral w/ Ring Gear):

Claim 5

Radial Disc 2:

Claim 6

Differential Carrier 1:

Figure 5

Differential Carrier 2:

Figure 6

Differential Carrier 3:

Figure 7

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In response, Applicants elect Radial Disc 2: Claim 6 (Figures 1-4) and Differential Carrier 1: Figure 5 corresponding to Figures 1 and 2 for prosecution.

Applicants reserve the right to add the non-elected claims upon the allowance of a generic claim containing the same general inventive concept as the non-elected claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain with respect to this Response.

Respectfully Submitted,

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